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## COVID-19 restrictions in Virginia officially lifted



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The majority of Salem adults have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

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Life in Salem is starting to look a lot more normal. More than four million Virginians have received at least one dose of a vaccine, including a majority of Salem adults. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately three million Virginians have been fully vaccinated.

While the pandemic is not over yet, coronavirus cases throughout the Roanoke Valley continue to drop at a significant rate. After more than a year of having to stay in the house, many people are anxious to get outdoors and make memories with friends and family.

"This pandemic will certainly go down in the history books. Tragically, almost 600,000 people lost their lives to the coronavirus. This past year has taught me to not take things for granted and be thankful for everything that I have," Salem native James Lawrence said. "I made sure that my entire family was fully vaccinated as soon as the option was available to us. We plan on fully embracing the outdoors this summer and returning to pre-pandemic life."

Coronavirus restrictions began loosening in Virginia earlier this year. On May 28, Governor Ralph Northam announced that the Commonwealth would follow the latest recommendations from the CDC

and no longer require individuals who have been fully vaccinated to wear masks indoors, except in specific circumstances. Originally proposed for a June 15 effective date, Northam later decided to move the timeline for Executive Order 72 up by two weeks.

"Commonsense public health restrictions have kept many Virginians safe during the last year, and with vaccines now widely available - over three million Virginians are fully vaccinated and safe from serious illness or death caused by COVID-19 - it is time to begin our new normal," Northam said.

With Northam lifting most COVID-19 mitigation measures, that means that capacity restrictions and social distancing are done in most situations. Businesses, however, can still require employees and customers to wear a mask. Because of the low rates of vaccination among young people, masks are still required in schools.

The federal government requires masks to be worn whenever one uses public transportation, including on airplanes, buses and trains. Candace Murray, who takes the Valley Metro Bus four times a week to her Salem job, said, "it warms my heart to see the vast majority of people adhering to the recommendations from the health experts. I always have extra hand sanitizer and masks just in case someone is without."

Although the state has lifted restrictions, Northam is still urging Salem residents to get fully vaccinated. "We still have a lot of work ahead to meet President Biden's new goal of 70 percent vaccination by the Fourth of July. But I still feel confident that Virginia can do our part," he said.



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PHOTOS BY MIKE STEVENS

Members of the State Championship Forensics team celebrate their win at the Salem Civic Center. From left to right, Madison Church, Emily Snow, Sophia Gibson, Taylor Berenbaum, and Zella Poarch.

## State champion Salem High Football, Forensics team honored by Council and School Board Members

The recently crowned State Champions from Salem High School in Football and Forensics were honored by Council and School Board Members at a ceremony on May 25 at the Salem Civic Center. The students and coaches, who comprise these teams, overcame

COVID-related odds this school year to capture State Titles.

Head Football Coach, Don Holter, and Forensics Head Coach, Mark Ingerson addressed those in attendance and the Council and Board members congratulated

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School Board members Article Ledbetter and Andy Raines greet Salem Spartan Keyondre Daniel.



Virginia Tech bound Spartans Jayden and Jordan McDonald flank Zavione Wood.

## Wesleyan Preschool commemorates reopening with celebratory performance

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Among the first lessons that we are taught as children is to be respectful of others and embrace the joy of learning.

On May 26, the Wesleyan Preschoolers from First United Methodist Church in Salem celebrated the culmination of a nine-month school year with an evening graduation for 23 five-year-old preschoolers that will enter kindergarten in a public or private school setting in the fall of 2021.

Alan Combs said his favorite part about the production was seeing his son, Walker, perform. In addition to being the Lead Pastor of First United Methodist, Combs

also supervises the Preschool Director and sits on the Preschool Board.

"Our graduation celebration is something that happens each year, but with the challenges of the pandemic, we wanted to make sure our graduation continued our practices of creating a safe environment for students, parents, and staff. Therefore, we made the decision to hold the graduation outdoors," he said.

Approximately 90 children are currently enrolled in the Wesleyan Preschool. Pupils between the ages of one and five are instructed daily with developmental goals that provide readiness for both a public and private school setting.

"Even though this graduation

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Ms. Debbie leading the motions for her classes' rhythm musical instruments.

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each member in attendance too. Parents and family members later joined the guests of honor for a celebratory

piece of cake and some special photo opportunities. This is Salem Football's tenth over-

all State title. Salem Forensics has now won 15 straight VHSL Championships.

*Submitted by Mike Stevens, City of Salem Communications Director*



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEVENS  
**Mayor Renee Turk welcomed the teams and parents and congratulated all on the unprecedented accomplishments.**



**School Board member Article Ledbetter visits with members of the Forensics team.**



**Salem Spartan star Stacy Williams poses with his parents at the Championship event.**

# Roanoke College honors the Class of 2021



**417 graduates received their Roanoke College degree.**



**Parents came from all over the country to support their graduates.**



**Memories that will last a lifetime were made last Saturday.**

A jubilant Class of 2021 walked across the commencement stage on May 29 at the Salem Stadium. The Class of 2021 is comprised of 417 graduates from 30 states and eight countries. Top majors (in order) are business administration, psychology, biology, health and exercise science, and communication studies. Two hundred and eighteen graduates earned the Bachelor of Arts degree, 68 received the Bachelor of Business Administration, and 131 obtained the Bachelor of Science degree.

"Your experience is unique," Roanoke College

President Michael Maxey said. "Your encounters with the normal and abnormal have been unique. Use your uniqueness to reach amazing heights. Use your experiences to treasure and appreciate normal daily living. Use your experience to know that you can handle abnormal challenges in life. You've already done so. Godspeed all of you, Class of 2021. We appreciate and celebrate you. Do well in life, do good in life, find purpose in life."

Four members of the Class of 2021 earned valedictorian honors, the most ever in the College's history. In both 2019 and 2020,

there were three valedictorians.

The 2021 valedictorians are Eric John Lee, an actuarial science major and economics minor from Archbald, Pennsylvania; Olivia Sara Samimy, a literary studies major and communications minor from Fredericksburg, Virginia; Abigail Elizabeth Workman, a mathematics major and Spanish minor from Roanoke, Virginia; and Stephanie Marie Zemba, a sociology major with a concentration on gender and women's studies from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

"We all took on a challenge just by staying in col-

lege during a global pandemic," Eric Lee said in his valedictory address. "But we made it, and we now know how to adapt to strange situations. We know we can do more than we probably ever thought we could do before. We should all be confident in our ability to overcome whatever else is thrown at us after today."

Lee followed his interests and was involved in the Roanoke College A Cappella Choir, the Wind Ensemble, the Roanotes a cappella group, theater, garden club and the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity. He also did an Honors project about locations of craft breweries and pubs. Lee is the first actuarial science major to earn the valedictorian honors. The major was created five years ago.

Olivia Samimy has taken advantage of every opportunity that has come her way, from fascinating research to studying away from campus. In addition to being a research assistant for Mary Crockett Hill '91, assistant professor of English, Samimy is an Honors program graduate and has worked for the Roanoke Review literary journal since she was a sophomore. She also participated in the Lutheran College Washington Semester Program, interning in the nation's capital at

Generation Progress.

Abigail Workman combined her passions into an unusual pairing of studies: mathematics and Spanish. In addition, she worked at the Fintel Library for three years; served as an officer with the Math Club; worked as a Spanish Cohort Leader; and worked with Iris Myers, a lecturer and Language Resource Center director.

Stephanie Zemba, who is graduating in three years, came to Roanoke with a plan in mind and executed it to perfection. Along with her studies, Zemba was involved with several research projects through the Research Fellows program, Summer Scholars, and independent studies. She also worked as the sociology department assistant. Her Summer Scholars project was about the way religion comforts immigrant elders. Zemba was accepted into the American Sociological Association Honors Program and presented her research at the ASA's annual conference in 2020.

Destinee Dawn Harper, a Spanish and literary studies major from Harrisonburg, Virginia, is the Class of 2021 salutatorian.

Harper has pursued an international set of interests at Roanoke. She majored in literary studies and Spanish, and attended a Fulbright

Summer Institute at the University of Sussex in England. She works as a volunteer coordinator for Casa Latina, a local nonprofit that provides resources to the Roanoke Valley's Spanish-speaking population. She also served as chapter president of Sigma Tau Delta, an internationally-recognized English honor society and interned at DC Fray Magazine. Through her experiences with Casa Latina and her own background, Harper penned an essay that won the Office of Multicultural Affairs' Bonilla Legacy Essay Contest.

Dr. Cynthia B. Morrow received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. Morrow is health director of the Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts of the Virginia Department of Health. She also serves as co-leader for Health Systems Science at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

For Dr. Morrow, assuming leadership of the health districts came at an astoundingly critical time. Virginia's health districts had been thrust into the role of preparing for and responding to the COVID-19 crisis, standing at the forefront of confronting outbreaks and mitigating the spread of infection.

*-Submitted by Public Relations Department*

## Live the Life!



With a focus to encourage vibrant living and individual wellness, 2021 brings exciting new senior apartment options and convenient Town Center amenities catered to those looking for an active, independent lifestyle to Richfield's Salem Campus.



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- Chapel
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## ELKS Roanoke Lodge 197 hosts flag retirement



**Vince Brandtner from Roanoke ELKS, left, and Russ Teffner, right, from John M. Oakey and Son in Salem.**

ELKS Roanoke Lodge 197 had its flag retirement on May 22 where over 80 worn and unserviceable flags were retired. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

"This was a great job by our officers, Matt Wynn, Jennifer Saunders, Matt Webb, Tony Koliba, Tom Hensley, and Stephen Brandtner," said member Vince Brandtner. "Our volunteer flag folders were Vicki and Jon Halferty, Kellie and Berkley Stapperfenne, Elizabeth Anderson, Joe Handerhan

and Stephen Brandtner."

The flags were taken to Oakey's Crematory for the purpose of draping veteran coffins with an American flag they served.

Special thanks also to Donna Kester who brought a flag belonging to her cousin Major General D. Hogan a VMI Alum and Air Force Pilot who recently passed away at the age of 77. A special thanks also goes to John M. Oakey & Son Crematory for letting these flags perform one more duty.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The City of Salem has been monitoring the potential spread of COVID-19, and like you, we have been processing a great deal of information. The safety of citizens, school children and visitors is always the number one priority from the Salem Civic Center to City Hall. Emergency Management team members are in constant contact with the Virginia Department of Health, the Roanoke-Alleghany Health Department and area health professionals at our local hospitals. During this time of uncertainty, people are encouraged to monitor the website (salemva.gov) for official city details on closings or cancellations. This site will be updated daily whenever there is new information.

## FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Salem Host Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., dinner and a program, Salem Civic Center.

## SECOND MONDAY

Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Contact 540-897-5346 for more information.

## EACH TUESDAY

•Salem Chess Players meet at the Salem Senior Center, 110 Union Street in Salem from 7-11 p.m. Open to anyone 16 years or older. Instructions are available.

•Salem Kiwanis Club meets 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch, Salem Civic Center.

•Glenvar Rotary Club meets 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. for lunch in Richfield Retirement's Recovery and Care Center cafeteria, first floor. Guests welcome.

•Knights of Columbus hosts bingo for charity. Proceeds support local charities including RAM House, Madonna House, the Roanoke Rescue Mission, Saint Francis House, food pantries and various youth projects. Games are played from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Gator Hall, at 5301 Williamson Road, near Happy's Flea Market.

•Infinity Acres Ranch Fundraiser from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at 321 E. Church Street in Blacksburg. Tickets are \$8 while children eight and younger can eat for \$4. For more

information, contact 276-358-2378.

•All ages are welcome to TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) at 5:15 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center. For more information, contact Linda at 540-389-4207.

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

•From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a chair caning and basket weaving class will occur at the Salem Senior Center. While free, attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. For more information, contact 540-375-3054.

## THIRD TUESDAY

The monthly meeting for National Association of Women in

Construction (NAWIC) Roanoke Valley Chapter #226 locations and times will now vary. Learn more details by emailing us at nawicroa226@gmail.com.

## THIRD WEDNESDAY

Alzheimer's / Dementia Caregiver Support Group at 2 p.m. at Salem Terrace at Harrogate.

## FIRST THURSDAY

Roanoke County Woman's Club meets at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at College Lutheran Church in Salem. New members are welcome.

## EACH THURSDAY

The Salem Senior Center's Social Club,

known as the 49ers Plus Club, originally started the senior program in Salem over 40 years ago. They have different speakers and/or activities practically every week. New members are always welcome to show up at the Salem Senior Center at 11 a.m. Contact 540-375-3054 for more information.

## EACH SATURDAY

•Salem Farmers Market from 9:30 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Select vendors will have country sausage, cage-free eggs, grass-fed beef, cage-pasture-raised chicken, homemade rolls, pieces of artisan bread, muffins, seasonal greens and more.

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke.

# Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission names Jeremy Holmes as next Executive Director

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission recently announced that Jeremy Holmes has been named the new Executive Director. Holmes follows Wayne Strickland, who is retiring on June 30 after 42 years with the Regional Commission.

Holmes has served as director of the Commission's RIDE Solutions Commuter Assistance Program for the past 15 years and in January of 2020 became the Commission's Associate Executive Director. In addition to his leadership of the RIDE Solutions program, Holmes has been involved in a number

of regional community advocacy efforts, including the Roanoke Valley Cool Cities Coalition, the Greater Roanoke Valley Asthma and Air Quality Coalition, Roanoke Valley Reads, and Healthy Roanoke Valley. Holmes holds a Bachelor's degree in English from Roanoke College and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Hollins University.

"I am thrilled and honored with the trust the Commission's Board has placed in me," Holmes said. "As the region emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, this period before us presents not just

the promise of recovery from the worst of its impacts, but a once-in-a-generation opportunity to tap into resources for growth in areas like expanding broadband access, enhancing our regional transportation system, and promoting regional economic growth. I am excited at the chance to serve the region's local governments in achieving these goals."

Vinton Mayor Bradley Grose, Chairman of the Regional Commission and the Search Committee to hire a new Executive Director, said, "The committee members were impressed by

Jeremy's understanding of regional issues and priorities and his passion for the work." The search committee conducted interviews after the announcement of Strickland's retirement in March. The committee made their recommendation to the Executive Committee at their May 13 meeting, who then made their recommendation to the full Board. The Board voted unanimously to name Holmes to the position.

Holmes plans to focus his first several months on the job in assisting localities and other region-



Jeremy Holmes

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al organizations to take advantage of the many funding opportunities being made as a result of the American Recovery Act and related COVID-

recovery programs at the federal and state level.

-Submitted by Tim Pohlada-Thomas, Outreach and Communications Specialist

# Richfield Living opens new Town Center to public



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Richfield Living CEO Cherie Grisso, fourth from left, Board Chair Kirtesh Patel and other board members, along with Roanoke County Supervisors Chair Jason Peters, and Roanoke County Catawba District Supervisor Martha Hooker, cut the ribbon officially opening Richfield's Town Center to the public.

## Meg Hibbert Contributing writer

Richfield Living opened its new Town Center and welcomed the public to the jewel of the Salem Campus with a ribbon cutting, grand opening and tours on May 18.

The 25,000 square foot Town Center is a mountain lodge design with mammoth fireplace, community rooms, meeting rooms, activity areas, and chapel. It includes large cafeteria that is also open to the public as well as residents; an atrium and patio overlook the campus' front lake.

There is also a new Wellness Studio and BellaVue Salon on the lower level.

Cherie Grisso, Chief Executive Officer, explained the center that connects to 48 Lake Retreat Apartments and is adjacent to The Villas' 28 apartments is "The vision of what we were 50 years ago and what we are becoming."

Richfield recently completed 140 new independent living residences, and

a new skilled nursing center designed as home-like settings of four separate households for 19 residences each. That totals 76 new rooms.

Later this year the existing Recovery and Care Center - the oldest building on campus - will be demolished to make way for more housing.

A new Roanoke campus under construction on

Mecca Drive in the City of Roanoke will have 116 skilled nursing beds.

Speakers at the celebration included Jill Loope, Roanoke County Director of Economic Development, who called the growth and transformation of the Richfield campus "exciting news for Roanoke County. High quality independent living in a superior setting enhances the

county's quality of life and adds to the diversity of services available in our community."

She continued, "We are grateful for Richfield's leadership and vision to expand and modernize their campus with the new Town Center development."

Grisso, Chief Operations

Officer Esteban Duran-Ballen, Director of Community and Development Scotti Hartman and Senior Director of Marketing and Philanthropy Lisa Clause greeted visitors that day.

Richfield Living Board Chair Kirtesh Patel and other board members, Roanoke County Supervisors Chair Jason Peters, and Roanoke County Catawba District Supervisor Martha Hooker took up scissors to cut the blue ribbon at the entrance to the Town Center.

Former board member Stewart Bruce and his wife Mary Lou dedicated the atrium in honor of her parents, the late Harvey and Muriel Bredlow.

A capital campaign under way to finance the new construction and renovations has a goal of \$1.25 million. So far, \$1.15 has been raised, Grisso said.

"Adding 140 apartments

to this campus is significant in our growth," she explained.

Construction costs are approximately \$58 million, including building the skilled nursing center, adjusting the Rehab Center, constructing the new independent living residences and the Town Center.

Richfield Living is a not-for-profit community which began as Mercy House in 1934. Richfield Living is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and gifts are tax deductible within IRS guidelines.

For more information about donating, contact Senior Director of Marketing and Philanthropy Lisa Clause at lclause@richfield-living.com or Director of Community Development Scotti Hartman at shartman@richfieldliving.com.

(Last week's article had a few errors. This version is the most accurate)

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# OPINION

## Give Light ~ Coffee hour back / daily readers ~

[This is a memory from the many decades the author has been privileged to write for daily and weekly newspapers circulating in Western Virginia.]

With the easing of restrictions on gatherings and the need for masks as the COVID-19 pandemic recedes - at least temporarily - some church activities are slowly being resumed.

A major part of the morning gathering - the fellowship time accompanied by coffee drinking or perhaps lemonade in summer - will soon be back. A release from Episcopal News Service, one of several such publications I receive, points out that this gathering time has been greatly missed in many congregations.

The release offers a bit of history of the coffee beverage. In Medieval times in Europe, it was thought to be a brew of the devil until a church leader discovered how delicious it could be, especially in cold weather.

In my childhood, there was no such fellowship time, nor did it appear to develop at

my former Roanoke church until perhaps 50 years ago. It invites worshipers to linger after a service to get better acquainted.

For those who enjoy using their cooking skills, it is easy for the refreshments to be expanded with sweets or even more delicacies. This, of course, leads to more work for someone - usually women - and being responsible for the Sunday socials can become a burden. Someone, perhaps a new pastor, may decide to limit the practice.

The absence of a social time for the past year has been missed and offers a chance to evaluate whether it is worth the money and effort.

Another time-honored church event in many congregations, Vacation Bible School (VBS) also is coming back this summer, if newsletters are an indication. After an absence in 2020, those who enjoy planning and teaching young children are inviting registration.

VBS, as I wrote of in 2019, has changed over the years from being always five mornings a week and two week-

### Frances Stebbins Correspondent

ends. Working mothers and many other factors caused the summer programs for children from about 3 to 12 to be shifted to evenings, one or two full days on weekends and other variation.

As I said in last week's column, I've never been enthusiastic about groups of children, so I left teaching and VBS leadership to those who felt called to do it. One year, however, I assisted a United Methodist pastor in five mornings of VBS when my parish was sharing with a neighbor in sponsoring an ecumenical school. Our pupils were in the highest age level at the end of childhood.

Emboldened by that brief experience, I accepted the challenge of sharing Sunday

School leadership with another male teacher in my own church. We had three pre-teen

girls who were bored with the whole thing, as I had been at their age.

My co-teacher was a man of artistic talents but little background in the Bible. Again, I learned more from the male teacher than I imparted to the girls.

During the past Lenten period, when one is encouraged to try to deepen the spiritual life, I resolved to use a daily devotional reader. Such little books, "quarterlies" to some since they are usually published in three-month segments, are common to several of the major faith groups. "Forward, Day By Day," is the one I use. More familiar is "The Upper Room" of the United Methodist Church. Other denominations have similar readers.

Each page commonly has several references to Scripture, a prayer suitable for the day and a brief message. In the quarterly I am using, there is a short description of the relationship to the church the author bears. The current contributor is a young Black

musician from Indianapolis, Indiana. She is a vocalist and has worked as a choir director; in a recent daily observation Nia McKenney reflects on what it was like for her to sing before a "community of people I feared - mostly rich, mostly white people."

Related to the observations of writers of "quarterlies," are the weekly reflections some clergy produce. I like especially two. A long-time pastor in Salem, Dan Netting of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) pens thoughts on many current subjects which he kindly sends to me by postal mail.

A newer minister, Rick Belous, who became pastor of Unity of Roanoke Valley just as the 2020 pandemic struck, uses electronic communication in a blog to reflect on his spiritual take on events. Both these clergymen look back as well as at the current scene producing something similar to these weekly columns.

No doubt the forced shift away from busy routine for a year has inspired looking inward. And now we must all adjust again.

# Vaccinating teens

**Dr. Cynthia Morrow**  
Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director  
Guest Contributor

Earlier this month, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was determined to be a safe choice for teenagers aged 12-15 years old. While children are less likely to become

seriously ill if infected, there are a number of reasons that vaccinating teens will help in our collective fight against COVID-19.

First, even though they are much less likely to become seriously ill with COVID-19, children can still become infected, get sick, and spread it to other people. Since the pandemic began last year, more than 1.5 million children between 12-17 years old have been infected with COVID-19, more than 13,000 have been hospitalized, almost 4,000 have had a complication called "multi-system inflammatory syndrome in children" (MIS-C), and more than 120 have died with COVID-19. While the disease risks are well-known, it is also important to be aware of the ongoing monitoring of all vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is currently investigating rare reports of myocarditis and pericarditis (inflammation of the muscles or lining of the heart) in young people after vaccination. The reported cases have been mild and self-limited. At this time, given the known risks of the disease, the CDC continues to recommend COVID-19 vaccination for those over age 12.

Second, even if your teen has already had COVID-19, his or her natural immunity after being sick may not be as long-lasting as the protection obtained from a vaccine. Vaccination is the best way to prevent COVID-19 infection.

Third, when young people are included among the vaccinated, the virus finds fewer people to infect, and community transmission goes down. Having your child vaccinated protects your child and everyone your child has contact

with. Increasing vaccination rates across all age groups approved for vaccine best helps protect the entire community.

Fourth, having your child vaccinated has the added convenience of not having to quarantine if they are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Finally, your vaccinated child may be able to travel to places that require vaccinations.

In the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts, all of our school system superintendents worked quickly to help us coordinate voluntary, in-school vaccination clinics for students before the school year draws to a close. We've been pleased to see strong parental support in getting their children vaccinated. Our health-care partners at Carilion Clinic and volunteers from the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps also helped us to quickly and efficiently arrange these clinics.

While it is certainly true that having more young people vaccinated will help reduce spread in the entire community, it is premature to remove masking from school settings because so many children are not yet eligible for vaccine. Currently, Pfizer and Moderna are running nationwide clinical trials for children 6 months to 11 years old. Hopefully, an approved vaccine will be ready for this age group late in the fall or in early 2022.

Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. We know COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death. It has been a joy to see many of our youth appearing to be smiling through their masks after receiving that initial shot, pleased at the thought of returning to previously restricted activities such as traveling and playing with friends.

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# SCC Bureau of Insurance encourages Virginians to plan now for hurricane season

Although ocean-related weather is relatively quiet now, with only one named storm so far this year, the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season begins on June 1 and follows an active 2020 hurricane season that serves as a stark reminder of the need to plan ahead for hurricanes. After a record-breaking 2020 season with 30 named storms, 13 hurricanes, six major hurricanes and 12 storms that made landfall, forecasters are predicting another above average hurricane season for 2021. Virginia was spared the brunt of last year's storms, but certain areas of the Commonwealth felt them indirectly in the form of remnant rainfall and accompanying floods.

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 each year. The State Corporation Commission's (SCC) Bureau of Insurance (Bureau) encourages Virginians to review their insurance policies now to make sure they have the coverage needed if a hurricane or other disaster strikes. Once the threat of a hurricane or other weather system arises, it may be difficult to find an insurance company willing to write related coverage until the

**Katha Treanor**  
SCC Communications Specialist  
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storm passes. "Tropical cyclones such as hurricanes are among the strongest and most destructive forces of nature. All it takes is one storm to change your life dramatically, so the time to plan is NOW, said Virginia Insurance Commissioner Scott A. White. White encourages Virginians to review their insurance policies as part of their disaster preparedness checklist. "Assess your risk and make sure you have the coverage you need to repair or replace your home and property if they are damaged or destroyed during a hurricane or other disaster. Contact your insurance agent or company or the Bureau of Insurance if you have questions," he said.

Even areas hundreds of miles inland from the coast can experience floods and other damage caused by hurricanes' high winds and torrential rains. In fact, most hurricane damage comes from flood-

ing, not high winds. Even minor floods can cause extensive damage to your home, business or belongings.

Keep in mind that homeowners, renters and commercial insurance policies issued in Virginia typically do not provide coverage for damage to your home and belongings due to floods, surface water or storm surges. However, the federal government does sell insurance covering direct flood and flood-related damage to homeowners, renters and businesses in eligible communities through its National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period for a new flood insurance policy to take effect. To learn more about this program, contact your insurance agent or the NFIP at 1-800-427-4661 or visit floodsmart.gov. Some private insurers offer their own flood policies, so check with your insurance agent about the availability of a private flood insurance policy. In either case, ask whether your flood policy provides coverage for your personal property.

Some homeowners  
**See Treanor, page 7**

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Partner to "flows"
- French industrial city
- Diagrams
- Diplomat
- Hires
- Hawaiian island
- Set aflame
- Very happy
- Blue dye
- Small terrier with short legs
- One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- Northern pike genus
- Expression of annoyance
- Female deer
- Casella and Kellerman are two
- Actor's lines to
- audience
- Days (Spanish)
- Close a person's eyes
- Cloaked
- Comedic actor Rogen
- It's all around us
- Neutralizes alkalis
- Native people of Mexico
- No seats available
- Famed "Air Music" composer
- Fit of irritation
- Psychic phenomena
- Knicks' first-rounder
- Seed used in cooking
- "WandaVision" actress
- Samples food
- In a lucid way
- Stair part
- Adieus

**CLUES DOWN**

- Type of moth
- A Christian sacrament
- It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
- Turn away
- Impersonal
- Shortly
- Indigenous Alaskans
- Subtle difference of meaning
- Sicilian city
- Put in harmony
- Administrative divisions
- As happily
- Horse mackerel
- Muddy or boggy ground
- Monetary unit of Italy
- Construction site
- machine
- Tracts at the mouths of rivers
- Earnings
- Insect repellent
- Runner-up
- Musician
- Serious or urgent
- Esteemed one
- Where rockers play
- Work furniture
- Greek prophetesses
- Quantitative fact
- Missing soldiers
- Minute
- (Spanish)
- Maintain possession of
- Assault with a knife
- Holiday text message greeting

# Virginians weigh in on state of the nation, the Commonwealth and COVID, Democrats and Republicans disagree on almost everything

The latest Roanoke College Poll looks at the opinions of Virginians on a variety of issues related to the Commonwealth, to the country, and to issues related to COVID-19.

## Views of the United States, Biden, spending and taxing

Virginians generally favor the large spending plans passed by Congress and those proposed by President Joe Biden, and favor taxing the wealthy and corporations to pay for them, according to The Roanoke College Poll. Pluralities think the Democratic Party (49%) and the Republican Party (49%) are too extreme. The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research interviewed 544 Virginia residents between May 9 and May 23 and has a margin of error of +4.2%.

A plurality of Virginians (47%) approve of the way Biden is handling his job as president, while 39% disapprove. A majority (53%) of respondents think the country is on the wrong track while 42% think it is headed in the right direction. The results are almost

unchanged since the February Roanoke College Poll other than a rise in disapproval for Biden.

Reflecting on the present state of the nation, a majority of Virginians (55%) feel included in Joe Biden's America, while 45% say they felt included in Donald Trump's America. Six-in-ten (61%) of those polled said the government does not represent the America they love, but 89% said they prefer to live in the U.S. than any other place. Nearly two-thirds (63%) agree that people generally do better when the government leaves them alone.

About one-in-three respondents think qualified minorities should be given preferences in hiring and education (30%), feel the U.S. is a racist country (35%), and that the American people are racist (31%). About 60% disagreed with each of those statements.

As mentioned above, Virginians (56%) support the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill passed by Congress; 66% support the \$2.3 trillion (re-

## Roanoke College Poll

Conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

cently scaled back somewhat) infrastructure bill proposed by Biden; and 61% favor the \$1.8 trillion proposal to fund childcare and education. They also favor having the rich pay for that spending with majorities supporting increasing taxes for those making \$400,000 or more annually (81%) and for corporations (79%). Many fewer support increasing taxes for everyone (26%) or the gas tax (22%).

Less than one-third (29%) favor borrowing the money for additional spending (66% oppose), and 41% say they are very concerned about the deficit and national debt.

A plurality (44%) think that election rules are not strict enough to prevent fraud, while 27% think the rules are too

strict and make it too difficult for eligible citizens to vote.

More than half of Virginians report having not very much (30%) or no trust at all (31%) in the mass media to report news fully, accurately and fairly. This measure is quite stable over time.

Virtually every question in this poll is the result of averaging "two Virginias" — the Democratic Virginia and the Republican Virginia (see cross-tabs at the end of topline, which can be accessed at the conclusion of this press release). Many of the disparities between party identifiers may best be described as a chasm, and they are persistent.

## Governor Northam and the Commonwealth

Job approval for Virginia Governor Ralph Northam sits at 47%, slightly off his high-level marks in 2020, while 35% disapprove of his performance. Half (50%) of respondents think that Virginia is headed in the right direction, but 40% think it is on the wrong track.

## Governmental responses to

## the virus

Virginians give credit to the Biden and Trump administrations about equally (Biden, a great deal — 26%, some 38%; Trump, a great deal—24%, some 41%), but are more likely to credit pharmaceutical companies (50% a great deal, 35% some) for reduced infections, increased vaccinations, and reopening economies. Nearly two-thirds of respondents (62%) report being vaccinated, while 19% said they won't get vaccinated. Nearly half (46%) of those who will decline that vaccine cited safety concerns as the primary reason. Like most important issues today, COVID-19 is viewed through a partisan lens. (See table at conclusion of topline for partisan breakdown of some questions.)

## Analysis

"The idea of uniting the Commonwealth (or the country) at present is little more than, at best, wishful thinking and at worst, delusional," said Dr. Harry Wilson, Senior

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What do you do when you're a young woman vying to be the king's next queen?

We don't know much about Esther's personality or feelings. But the Bible does give us some clues about this young heroine of the faith. From this passage, it seems Esther was wise enough to seek—or at least listen to—and follow the

advice of more experienced people.

First she listened to Hegai. We don't know what he told her about winning the king's heart, but it worked! And other Scriptures tell us that Esther repeatedly asked for and followed Mordecai's advice.

God often places other people in our lives to give us counsel. We're wise when, instead of trying to go it on our own, we ask for help from others who are godly and have more life experience.

Prayer Suggestion: Ask God to send you wise counselors.

Quicklook: Esther 2:15-19

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# Preschool from page 1



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**Ms. Becky's class reciting with movement and props to tell the story of "Brown Brown Bear, What Do You See?"**

takes place at the end of each school for our five-year-olds, this graduation marked a significant memorable time for our Director, Jane Butto, and the entire staff of seven teachers, as well as the preschooler's parents, who entrusted their children to the preschool to be loved and nurtured during a very difficult, challenging COVID-19 school year," Preschool Board Chairman Sheila Barber said.

After much discussion and planning amongst staff and board members, the decision was made to open the preschool. Added Barber, "The staff went right to work cleaning, disinfecting, gathering the appropriate cleaning products, purchasing regulation masks for the staff and rearranging classrooms to meet regulations for spacing when instruct-

ing. Our staff began joyfully teaching, motivating, and loving our preschoolers unconditionally, daily cleaning every shelf, toy, ball, and all of the playground equipment, according to the CDC and state regulations. We made sure to teach our young ones how to wear masks."

The Wesleyan Preschool is a state-licensed program with a developmentally appropriate learning atmosphere. Among the features are a large, private playground, weekly chapel and music classes as well as monthly field trips. "We aspire to professionally educate our children by age-appropriate developmental standards, which will enhance and protect their self-esteem as children of God," Combs said.

For more information about the preschool, visit [fumcsalemva.org](http://fumcsalemva.org).



**Students in Ms. Tracy's class reciting nursery rhymes as they reenact them with motion.**



**Children performing with musical instruments to a lively song.**

# OBITUARIES

## Baird, Frances Lester

Frances Lester Baird, 87, of Salem, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 26.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Douglas Baird; son, James Douglas "Jimmy" Baird; daughter, Deborah Baird Bandy; and sister, Lois Jean Pendry.

Frances is survived by her daughter, Brenda Booth (Jack); son, Ronnie Baird (Missy); grandchildren, Nicole Williams, Kimberly Dowdy, Taylor Baird, Brianna Duncan, and Jamie Baird; six great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Paul Bandy; sisters, Gloria Strickler and Joyce Howard; brother, Gary Lester; and a very special sister-in-law, Barbara Long.



Friends were invited to visit with the family from 4 until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, in the Richfield Town Center Chapel in Salem. A Service of Remembrance will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, in the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens Mausoleum with Bishop Tim Nuckles and Pastor Sharon Nuckles officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Frances' family invites friends to make contributions to the hospice care organization of their choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Oakey's Funeral Service - Roanoke Chapel, Roanoke, Va., (540) 982-2100. Online condolences may be made at [www.oakeys.com](http://www.oakeys.com).

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Political Analyst of the Roanoke College Poll. "We continue to see almost every issue and question break down along party lines. This is not new, but it is clear that the distance between Planet Democrat and Planet Republican is not shrinking. It may be more accurate today to refer to Democratic and Republican opinion rather than public opinion."

**Methodology**  
Interviewing for The Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, between May 9 and May 23, 2021. A total of 544 Virginia residents were interviewed. Telephone interviews were conducted in English.

The landline sample consisted of random-digit numbers generated in proportion to the Virginia population so that all residential telephone numbers, including unlisted numbers, had a known chance of inclusion. Cell phone samples were purchased from Marketing Systems Group. Cell phones comprised 54% of the completed interviews.

Questions answered by the entire

sample of 544 Virginians are subject to a sampling error of plus or minus approximately 4.2% at the 95% level of confidence. This means that in 95 out of 100 samples the results obtained should be no more than 4 percentage points above or below the figure that would be obtained by interviewing all Virginians who have a home telephone or a cell phone. Where the results of subgroups are reported, the sampling error is higher.

Quotas were used to balance regions within the state. The data were statistically weighted for gender, race, and age. Weighting was done to match U.S. Census counts in Virginia. The margin of error was not adjusted for design effects due to weighting. The design effect was 1.81.

More information about the Roanoke College Poll and the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research may be obtained by contacting Dr. David Taylor, IPOR director, at [taylor@roanoke.edu](mailto:taylor@roanoke.edu) or (540) 375-4933 or the Roanoke College Public Relations Office at (540) 375-2282.

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# Treanor from page 4

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### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ013851-08-00**  
BOTETOURT JDR DISTRICT COURT  
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOYCE, AUDREY ELIZABETH  
COMMONWEALTH OF VA - DSS  
N.  
UNKNOWN FATHER  
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO AUDREY E. JOYCE  
It is ORDERED that the defendant UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 07/20/2021 01:00 PM  
05/03/2021  
Pamela Jarvis  
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## Legals - City of Radford

### Request for Proposals City of Radford East Main Street Sidewalk Improvements UPC 117992

(State Project # EN20-126-225, P101, R201, M501)  
May 17, 2021

The City of Radford is seeking expressions of interest from consulting engineering firms who wish to be considered to provide professional engineering services for: The City of Radford East Main Street Sidewalk Improvements, Transportation Alternatives

## Legals - City of Radford

Project. The project is funded through a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) grant. This project shall be developed utilizing VDOT policies and FHWA guidelines. In addition, the project design shall meet or exceed current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards. The estimated cost of the proposed project is approximately \$477,000. Design and construction of the project is anticipated to take approximately 3 1/2 - years.

The objective of this project is to improve the safety of pedestrian access along US Route 11 creating a safe walking passage for Radford University students and staff while providing safer access to existing businesses. Moving pedestrians away from empty lot paths, the new sidewalk follows US Route 11 (East Main Street) between Jefferson Street and University Drive. This project will construct approximately 900 linear feet of new sidewalk and remove a midblock crosswalk currently used by Radford University students in the City of Radford.

Services may include, but not be limited to: planning, design, developing construction documents, environmental review, submittal of applications to VDOT, surveying, bidding, construction management (including pay requests and VDOT reimbursement submittals) and other professional services as required to complete the project.

## Legals - City of Radford

The City is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and/or female owned business firms are encouraged to apply.

## Legals - City of Salem

### PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The hearing will begin at 6:30 PM at South Salem Elementary School, 1600 Carolyn Road, Salem, VA 24153.

Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, June 7, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring copies of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

- provide their name and address,
- address their remarks to the Board,
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- be prepared to answer questions from the Board,
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### Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Bethel Baptist Church, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 6 Front Avenue (Tax Map # 234-6-2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District with proffered condition.
2. Consider the request of Peter R. Fields and Vivian D. Fields, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 303-305 South Colorado Street (Tax Map # 121-10-4) from RMF Residential Multi-Family to TBD Transitional Business District.
3. Consider the request of MCLIP Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 901 South Colorado Street and 110 7th Street (Tax Map # 184-4-8) from LM Light Manufacturing District to CBD Community Business District.
4. Consider the request of Timothy J. Toohig and Lonzie L. Linkous, Jr., property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 335 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 146 - 1 - 3).
5. Consider the request of Total Motion Performance, lessee, and 751 Union Station, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow athletic instruction services on the property located at 773 Union Street (Tax Map # 183 1 1).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of the City Planner, Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
BY  
James E. Taliaferro, II  
Executive Secretary

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Total Action Against Poverty, Inc. is preparing to carry out the INDOOR PLUMBING REHABILITATION FLEX PROGRAM, through the use in whole or in part of HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS.

The implementation of this project will require the use of General Contractors, Septic Contractors, and Well Drillers, for housing rehabilitation and the installation septic systems and wells. These projects may occur in any of the following jurisdictions; Counties of Allegheny, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, and Rockbridge.

TAP is soliciting the participation of Minority and Female owned businesses, contractors and suppliers in carrying out this project. Contractors must have at least a Virginia Class B License, proper insurance, and be eligible to work in the designated areas. Such business may be included on appropriate bid and procurement list by submitting a written request within ten (10) days of this notice.

Requests should include name, address, product or service and how the firm qualifies as a Minority or Female concern.

Such requests should be addressed or faxed to:

Total Action For Progress  
ECHR Department  
P.O. Box 2868, Roanoke, VA 24001  
Attn: Lee Lovern (540) 353-2961  
Or Attn: Liz Puckett (540) 283-4882  
TTY: Dial "711" (540) 283-4897  
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All contracts will be made on a competitive basis. TAP is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Business and Employment Notice

Total Action For Progress is preparing to carry out the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program through the use of federal HOME grant Funds. In the implementation of this project the following job types may be available:

- Carpenter
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All job openings will be listed with the local office of the Virginia Employment Commission. Persons qualified for the jobs listed should register at the following location: 3601 Thirlane Rd NW suite 2, Roanoke, VA 24019 Additionally, the following contracts and procurements will/may be made: General Contractors, Septic System Contractor, Well Diggers and HVAC Constructors materials, building supplies, appliance suppliers and HVAC suppliers. Total Action For Progress will, to the greatest extent feasible, use businesses located in and owned by persons residing in Section 3 in the Counties of; Rockbridge, Botetourt, Roanoke, Bath, Alleghany, Henry, Franklin, Floyd, Pulaski, Patrick, Giles, Montgomery, Bedford, and Craig. Any person residing or firm located in the above named localities may request to participate in procurement opportunities associated with this project by contacting the following person within ten (10) days of this notice.

Liz Puckett  
302 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA 24011  
Phone: 540-283-4882  
Virginia Relay: 711  
Fax: 540-777-4833

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TAP will carry out this project with contractors qualified to work in the designated program area. Any contractor may request to be added to the contractors list for this program by contacting TAP at the information below. Contractors must have at least a Virginia Class B License, proper insurance, and be eligible to work in the designated areas.

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# Tips for family camping trips

For nature lovers, perhaps nothing is more enjoyable than packing up the camping gear, traveling to a favorite campsite and getting away from it all while sleeping under the stars. Such an experience can be transformative, turning first-time campers into lifelong enthusiasts.

The opportunity to turn youngsters into nature enthusiasts who can't wait to spend time outside may be one reason why so many families go camping. A 2018 report Kampgrounds of America found that 52 percent of campers have children, making camping among the most popular and family-friendly ways to enjoy the great outdoors.

Camping with youngsters can help families make lasting memories. Parents who have never before taken their children camping may benefit from employing a few strategies to make the trip as fun as possible.

- Make a trial run in the backyard. A night camping in the backyard won't be exactly the same as a night in the woods, where wildlife, and particularly insects, may be less welcoming hosts. But a backyard camping night can acclimate children to their sleeping bags and their tents. A fun night sleeping under the stars in the backyard also may make kids more enthusiastic about an upcoming camping trip in the woods.

- Go over safety early and often. Use every opportunity to explain camping safety measures to youngsters in advance of your trip. Emphasize the importance of staying together in the woods, and teach youngsters how to identify potentially harmful plants like poison ivy, making sure they know to avoid coming into contact with these and other poisonous plants. Contact your local parks department, or the campground where you will be staying, for some additional advice on camping safety.

- Let kids help when choosing camping equipment. Youngsters may be more excited about camping if they're allowed to choose certain equipment, including their sleeping bags and tents. Before visiting your nearby camping retailer, explain to kids that tents come in various styles because they're designed to protect campers from certain elements that may be more common in certain areas than others. Such an explanation can make it easy to explain to youngsters why you're



purchasing certain items, even if those items weren't kids' top choices.

- Plan the family menu in advance. Plan the menu in advance so you can ensure everyone will continue to eat healthy. But make sure to include a few kid-friendly camping classics, like s'mores, in the meal plan as well.

- Prepare a camping-friendly first-aid kit. Bandages and topical antibiotic creams are part and parcel of any first-aid kit, regardless of where you're going. But the elements pose a different set of challenges that require a more extensive first-aid kit. When designing a first-aid kit for your camping trip, be sure to include all the usual items but also over-the-counter medications that can treat pain, allergies, constipation, and diarrhea. An extra gallon or two of water also makes for a wise addition to campers' first-aid kits.

Family camping trips can instill a lifelong love of the great outdoors in youngsters. A few simple strategies can help parents make such trips safe and memorable.

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# Strategies to spend less time on your smartphone

Smartphones are a significant part of life in the 21st century. According to the technology, data and analytics experts at Zenith, in 2019 the average American adult spent three hours and 30 minutes using mobile internet every day, with estimates suggesting that number could increase to more than four hours per day by 2021.

It's no secret that many people struggle when it comes to putting down their smartphones. The secret lies in learning how to unplug from smartphones, especially for the millions of people who are spending untold hours on such devices every day. A strong will to put smartphones down can help people do just that, and some additional strategies might make it easier to unplug as well.

- Keep your phone in another room. Many people are drawn to their smartphones by a seemingly endless stream of notifications. The addictive nature of notifications is debatable, but blaming notifications and merely turning them off may not be as effective a means to reducing smartphone reliance as you think.

- A 2020 study by researchers at the London School of Economics and Political Science found that 89 percent of interactions with phones were unprompted. That suggests people are simply picking up their phones even when notifications or incoming calls aren't making them do so. Keeping a phone in another room when dining, reading a book, engaging with family members, or participating in other activities can help people avoid that familiar urge to pick up their phone.

- Utilize apps to curtail your usage. Various apps allow users to block their own access to other apps and websites. These apps, which include Flipd and Freedom, are designed to help smartphone users regain productivity they might have lost due to their smartphone usage. The apps can be utilized in various ways, and one such way is to restrict access to games and websites during the workday. They also can be used to restrict access during family time or other hours of the day when people don't want to be distracted by the internet.



- Set up auto reply. Many professionals set up out-of-office messages to notify colleagues and clients when they're on vacation or engaging in projects that will prevent them from answering emails. The same principle can be applied to text messages. According to a 2019 survey from CTIA, which has tracked the evolution of the United States wireless industry since 1985, two trillion text messages were exchanged in 2019.

That's a lot of messages, and texting is a significant reason why so many people have problems putting down their phones. An automatic response informing friends, family and colleagues that you're away from your phone can be a great way to spend less time texting.

Smartphone usage is on the rise, even among people who want to put their phones down more often. Such users can try various approaches to spend less time on their phones.

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### Legals - Craig County

#### Public Notice Code of Virginia, Title 58.1 Section 3911

Craig County 2021 1st half real estate taxes are due on Monday, June 7, 2021. Taxes must be paid or postmarked by midnight on this date. Penalty will be assessed on June 8, 2021 and interest will be assessed beginning July 1, 2021.

If you have not received a tax notice or have questions call 540-864-5641. If you have questions concerning the assessments on your notice, call the Commissioner of the Revenue at 540-864-5641.

Jackie M. Parsons  
Craig County Treasurer

### Legals - Montgomery County

General Business zoning district. The subject property is an approximate 1.15-acre portion of a 4.409-acre parcel, located at 710 Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., and is identified as Tax Map Number 435-(A)-23 (Parcel ID 021274). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. A request by Aztec Rental (Applicant), on behalf of New River Community College (Landowner), for a Conditional Unit Permit to operate a business involving the outdoor display, storage and rental of contractor equipment and machinery, such as mini backhoes and excavators, within the B-3 General Business zoning district.

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21000419-00**  
Montgomery County Circuit Court  
55 East Main Street Suite 1  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
VADEN, KEILA ADAIRE v.

VADEN, JOSHUA LEE  
The object of this suit is to: COMPLAINT OF DIVORCE It is ORDERED that JOSHUA LEE VADEN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 4, 2021.

May 4, 2021  
ERICA W. CONNER  
CLERK

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. A request by Peed and Bortz, L.L.C. (Applicant), on behalf of John D. Elmore (Landowner), for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a contractor storage facility within the B-3

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21000845-00**  
Montgomery County Circuit Court  
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MASTROGIOVANNI, JENNIFER v.

EVANS, MICHAEL TAHIR  
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE ON A MINOR  
It is ORDERED that MICHAEL TAHIR EVANS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 20, 2021.

MAY 27, 2021  
ERICA W. CONNER  
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#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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**Case No. CL21000748-00**  
Montgomery County Circuit Court  
55 East Main Street Suite 1  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
ARROYO, ESMERALDA RUIZ v.

HERNANDEZ, ERNESTO ARROYO  
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE  
It is ORDERED that ERNESTO ARROYO HERNANDEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 26, 2021.

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Left, Salem's Natalie Major(#24), goalie Brynn Bowen(#8) and Annie Tolan(#23) guard the Salem crease in last week's game with Patrick Henry. Right, Mason Esworthy of the Salem boys' team fires a shot on goal behind his back against the Patriots.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMA & SCOTT GARDNER

## Strong Patrick Henry teams sweep Salem in lacrosse doubleheader

The Salem High lacrosse teams played host to Patrick Henry in a girls-boys doubleheader last week and came out on the short end of both games. The girls fell 13-3 to a strong Patriot team while the boys dropped a heartbreaker, 15-14.

The girls struggled in the first half, falling behind 11-1 at intermission. Patrick Henry has three girls headed to Division I college teams, including one who is going to Duke on a track scholarship.

"Controlling their speed on plays and fast breaks was a big order," said Salem coach Maggi Pace. "We improved in the second half, but we seemed to be

defeated before we got momentum."

Old Dominion bound goalie Brynn Bowen kept Salem in the game as best as she could with eight saves. Bailey Stratton, Hope Wimmer and Zoe Blair had goals for the Spartans while Myah Dent had an assist.

"We only took seven shots, so that's something we'll have to grow on in the future," said Pace. "It's great to play PH and see a 5A school prior to out play-offs. They always challenge us and let us find where we need to iron out some things on our end. This is the first time they've beaten us in over four years."

After a long delay, due to officials showing up late, the boys played the second game and battled the Patriots before falling 15-14. Jake Massey had six goals and an assist for Salem while JR Wallace had four goals and an assist and won 20 of 31 faceoffs. JoJo Mason had two goals while Mason Esworthy and Kyman Kinney had one each. Esworthy and Charles Baynum also had assists and Zach Blair made a dozen saves in the crease. With the loss the boys dropped to 5-2.

Both teams return to action next Tuesday, June 8, with a doubleheader in Lynchburg against E.C. Glass.



## SHS girls lax team takes in NCAA championships

Members of the Salem High School girls' lacrosse team attended the NCAA Division II & III women's lacrosse championships as a group when the City of Salem and Roanoke College hosted the championship tournaments at Kerr Stadium the weekend of May 21 to 23.

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## Salem girls take third, boys fourth in track meet at Hidden Valley

The Salem High track teams competed at Hidden Valley last week as the Spartans gear up for the post-season. The Region 4D meet is scheduled for next Wednesday, June 9, at Jefferson Forest High School.

The girls finished third among six schools at Hidden Valley. Erin Memmer won both the shot and discus for Salem and other first place winners were Tiffany McGlaughlin in the High jump, My'la Green in the long jump and the 4x800 relay team which consisted of two pair of sisters, Lyndsy and Amanda Rothkopf and Paige and Kyra Netting.

McKenzie Moran took second in the 200 and ran on the second place 4x100 team with Zaujia Athuman, Green and Neelah Logan.

The boys finished fourth in the meet. Zavione Wood won the long jump while Amarri Edwards was first in the 400 meter dash. The 4x100 relay team was also first.

Runnerup finishes by Salem went to Shawn Collins in the 100 dash, Landon Goins in the 400 dash and DaRon Wilson in the 200 dash. Jonathan Vernon was third in the 200.

The Spartans had a meet at Christiansburg on Wednesday of this week.

## GHS boys 2nd, girls 3rd in track meet at B'burg

The Glenvar High track team had a meet in Blacksburg last week, with the boys taking second and the girls third against some great competition, including William Fleming, Northside and the host Bruins.

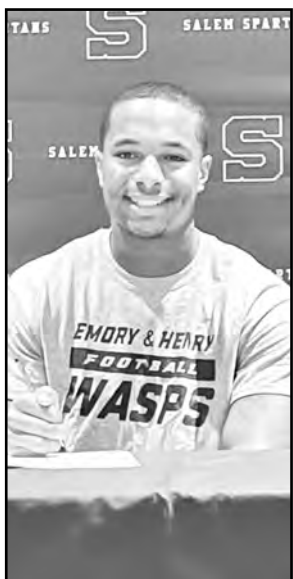
The boys finished behind only host Blacksburg in their meet. Tyler Johnson of Glenvar took seconds in both the 110 and 300 hurdle races as well as the triple jump to lead the Glenvar scoring.

Other seconds were registered by Jackson Swanson in the 100 and 200, Daniel Zearfoss in the 800, Gabe Ford in the high jump and Will Johnson in both the shot and discus.

The girls took third behind Blacksburg and Fleming. Carly Wilkes continued to dominate the distance runners by winning the 800 and 1,600. Sydney Loder took seconds in the 100 and 300 hurdles as well as the high jump, setting a new school record in the 100 hurdles.

The Highlanders entered pole vaulters in both meets. Rhyann Harris became the first female pole vaulter ever for Glenvar, clearing 6'6" to take second place. For the boys, Avone Noel was the first Highlander to compete in the boys' pole vault since 1987, and he took fourth place.

The Highlanders were scheduled to run at William Byrd on Wednesday of this week. With no school in session, that meet was scheduled for 10 am.



## Spartans will play sports in college

In the last several weeks these eight Salem High School athletes announced their choices to continue their education and play sports in college. Above, left to right with college and sport, are Shawn Collins-football at Emory & Henry, Zavione Wood-football at Virginia Tech, Ky'Juan Waller-football at Emory & Henry and Kodi DeBoer, baseball at Southwest Virginia Community College. Below left to right; Dylan Copeland-soccer at VMI, Haley Woodward-soccer at Ferrum, Moriah Hill-basketball at Hollins University and Hannah Mattox-cheerleading at James Madison University.

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## Will play soccer at RC

Makaya Metzler, a senior soccer player for Hidden Valley, has decided to play soccer for Roanoke College and coach Phil Benne beginning in the fall. Amber's aunt, Amber Ferris, and grandmother are Salem residents.

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# Highlanders are 9-2 after two more wins; Raines presents home run ball to late athletic director's mother

Last Wednesday Glenvar softball team graduated eight seniors in the morning, all with honors and three deemed valedictorians. Then, just two hours after graduation, the team was on a bus headed to Low Moor for a big Three Rivers District game with Alleghany.

Glenvar won the game 7-1 to make it a big day all around. In the third inning Lydia Taylor got the Highlanders started with a double. Courtney Raines then hit a home run to make it 2-0.

In the fourth inning Alleghany got one of those runs back when a batter was walked, then scored on a fielding error, but in the fifth inning the Highlanders scored again when Raines was walked and later scored on a Mountaineer miscue.

At the end of the fifth inning Glenvar led 3-1. Then rain, lightning and thunder hit and the game was put into a thirty minute delay.

Returning for the sixth inning Izzy Shearer singled before Taylor doubled, scoring Shearer. In the seventh the Highlanders put it away as Taylor Schoonover doubled followed by singles by Sarah Kate Tozier, Madison Martinez, Madison Donoho and Justice Wilfong, sending three more across the plate for a 7-1 final. McKenna Shearer worked her way of a bases loaded jam in the bottom of the seventh.

McKenna was strong on the mound picking up another win while going the distance with 10 strikeouts, six walks, and only two hits allowed. She's been solid on the rubber since Sophie McCulley experienced some shoulder soreness and hasn't been able to pitch.

Martinez led Glenvar with three hits, one RBI, and scored one run. Wilfong, Izzy Shearer, Taylor and Schoonover each had two hits. Raines had a home run with two RBIs and scored two runs.

It was an emotional day for the Highlanders and coach Lonnie Raines, who has known many of these girls since they were little. The game was a special one as Richard McElwee's mother came to watch the two teams compete. Richard was Glenvar's athletic director before passing away from cancer last fall.

One of Alleghany's coaches, Lee Phillips, played for McElwee at Bath County High School. Two of Glenvar's softball players, Lydia Taylor and Courtney Raines, were two of the three inaugural Richard McElwee Memorial Scholarship recipients this year. The home run ball, hit by Courtney, was presented to McElwee's mother in honor of Mac.

After the game one of the coaches sent Coach Raines a photo of a rainbow that appeared after the storm.

"I felt like that was McElwee letting us know he was there," said Raines. "He meant a lot to us and we really miss him."

On Tuesday the Highlanders played at Radford and cruised to a 17-1 win by



Glenvar slugger Lydia Taylor ripped two more home runs against Radford Tuesday.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

slaughter rule. Taylor had two more home runs for the Highlanders and three hits overall, driving in seven. Raines had a triple and two doubles while Schoonover and Madison Donoho had two hits each. Shearer went the distance on the mound with 10 strikeouts, allowing just three hits.

Now 9-2, the Highlanders return to action on Monday when they travel to Floyd for the last game of their regular season.



Senior Taylor Bolen takes a cut for Salem.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Salem softball will play C'burg Friday looking to break three-game skid

The Salem High softball team will look to get back on track Friday when they play at Christiansburg. Salem is looking to snap a three game losing streak and pick up some momentum before the Region 4D tournament, which begins June 14.

Last Thursday in Blacksburg the Bruins shut out Salem, 10-0. The Spartans had just one hit, by Allie Mitchem.

On Tuesday hitting wasn't a problem, as Salem scored nine runs in a game with Hidden Valley. However, the Titans scored 13 to take the win at the Salem Civic Center, with the NCAA Division III softball championships taking place at

the Moyer Complex.

Fielding was the concern this time, as just four of the Titans' 13 runs were earned. Grace Christianson started on the mound and threw well but didn't get much support before Bayleigh Booth relieved.

Offensively, Booth had a single, double and an inside-the-park home run for Salem. Gabby Vazquez also had three hits and Taylor Bolen had two.

The Spartans are now 2-7 overall with three games left. After Friday's game at Christiansburg they'll play at Patrick Henry next Tuesday and home against Pulaski for "Senior Night" a week from tonight.

## Highlanders need two wins to assure berth in baseball playoffs

The Glenvar baseball team is in a tough position with two games to go. The Highlanders may have to win out in order to make the playoffs.

Glenvar was in a good position with a 6-2 record after beating Giles on May 24. However, they dropped a 2-0 decision at home to Alleghany last Wednesday, then lost to Radford at home on Tuesday, 12-5. With a 6-4 record that would still be plenty good enough to make the playoffs in most regions, but Region 2C is only taking four teams this year and Glenvar is on the bubble.

"We went from the third seed to sixth or seventh with those two losses," said GHS coach Jeremy Cromer.

The Highlanders had a tough time getting the bats going when they dropped a 2-0 game to Alleghany at GHS. They had just three hits and wasted a strong performance on the mound by Cam Wiley, who pitched six and two thirds innings and took the loss. Wiley fanned seven.

On Tuesday Glenvar had more hits, but couldn't get them in clutch situations. Josh Howard, Nate Richardson and Carson Osburn had two hits each and Jake Veverka and Will Underwood both had their first varsity hits. However, the Highlanders struggled on the mound as Clay Caldwell and Wiley combined to go six innings.

"They hit it when they needed to and we didn't," said Cromer.

Glenvar will try to turn things around with a big home game Monday against Floyd. They wrap up the season with a rematch against the Bobcats, this time in Radford, on June 9. Ace pitcher Ryan Butler hasn't pitched in a few weeks due to some elbow soreness and he'll be a game time decision Monday.

"We have to win Monday," said Cromer. "If we don't this could be the most talented team I've ever had not to make the playoffs."



Glenvar's Jacob Mays slides into second in last week's game with Alleghany.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## RC runners compete in D-III track

Roanoke College sophomore Sam Crawford finished 12th in the 400 meters at the 2021 NCAA Division III outdoor Track and Field championships in Greensboro, NC.

The 400m field of 17 runners was broken into three different heats on Friday with the top two in each race as well as the remaining two fastest overall times advancing to the Finals on Saturday. Crawford would face five other runners in the first heat. Less than one second would separate the six runners with Crawford posting a 48.20, finishing just .70 of a second from claiming one of the two automatic qualifying spots. Once the three heats were finished, the sophomore would finish 12th in the 17 sprinter field, .25 of a second short of earning a spot in the Finals of the 400m.

Hannah Koepfinger represented Roanoke College in the preliminary heats of the women's 400m Hurdles. Koepfinger posted a time of 1:04.15, to place fifth in her heat, just .01 of a second from a top four finish. The 19 athlete field was broken into three heats with the top two in each heat as well as the next two times over all heats to form the eight athlete field for the Finals.



**Aiden Wolk**



**Blake Custer**



**Matt Harris**

## HIGHLANDERS NAMED TO CLASS 2 ALL-STATE FOOTBALL TEAM

The Class 2 All-State football team was released last week and Glenvar was well-represented. The Highlanders had three players named to the first team, including junior quarterback Aiden Wolk, senior

defensive lineman Blake Custer and senior center Matt Harris. Glenvar also had three second team selections. On offense senior Jacob Crowder was named to the second team offensive line and junior

Dagan Williams was selected at wide receiver. Jeb Secrist, another senior, was named the second team punter.

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**Adam Clayton sets up a teammate for the Spartan soccer team.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Late goal lifts SHS soccer team over HV

**Spartans come within seconds of beating Blacksburg for first time ever**

Alex Benne scored off an assist from Adam Clayton with just over three minutes remaining as the Salem High soccer boys took a 3-2 win over the host Titans at Hidden Valley Tuesday.

The Spartans trailed 1-0 at the half and scored all their goals after intermission. Benne scored the first, followed by a goal by Luis Geyne, also assisted by Clayton. Still, it was 2-2 down the stretch before Benne connected for the game winner and Salem sweated out a long three minutes with the one-goal lead.

"It was a nice win," said SHS coach David Atkins. "We needed that after the loss to Blacksburg last week."

Last Thursday the Spartans traveled to Blacksburg, which is always a tough place to play and this year is no different. The Spartans battled the Bruins into overtime before dropping a 2-1 decision.

Clayton scored on a beautiful left footed chip in the opening seventh minute to give Salem the lead. The Spartans held that lead until Blacksburg scored with under 30 seconds to go in the game. Then, after a scoreless first overtime, Blacksburg scored what proved to be the game winner with three minutes left. Freshman Max Benne had 11 saves for Salem.

"The entire team played their best game of the season so far and left everything they had on the pitch," said Atkins. "I'm extremely proud of the way we played and the effort the guys showed against a solid Blacksburg team."

Now 3-4, the Spartans are back home this tonight to host Christiansburg. Next week they wrap up the regular season with a game at Pulaski on Monday and home game with Patrick Henry on Tuesday, June 8.

## Girls hold off Titans for 1-0 win

The Salem High girls soccer team played host to Hidden Valley on Tuesday night and pulled a 1-0 win. With the win Salem improved to 4-2-1 with just under two weeks to go before the Region 4D tournament.

"This was a big rivalry game," said Salem coach Kayla Wood. "You could feel the intensity from both teams."

The only goal of the game came in the first half when Marie Snyder converted on a corner kick from Audrey Hayes, who got the assist. Snyder put a header into the net at the back post.

"We love set pieces," said Wood. Scoring on corners is what we want to see. It was beautifully done."

Sophomore Allison Kessel had eight saves to pick up the shutout win in goal.

Last Thursday the girls dropped a 1-0 heart-breaker to Blacksburg on Spartan Field. The Bruins outshot Salem, 18-3, but the Spartans hung tough. Blacksburg scored in the 11th minute and it was scoreless for the rest of the game. Salem defended nine corner kicks and had just two themselves.

"It was a stellar defensive performance," said Wood. "We did not score on our set piece opportunities or our shots. Some games happen that way, the chances are few and have to be capitalized on. I was very proud of how the girls did not give up and fought to the very end."

The Spartans are back in action Friday at Christiansburg. Next week they're at Patrick Henry on Tuesday and home for "Senior Night" on Thursday, June 10, against Pulaski.



**Salem's Kenley Coleman settles the ball.** PHOTO BY B. HOFFMAN

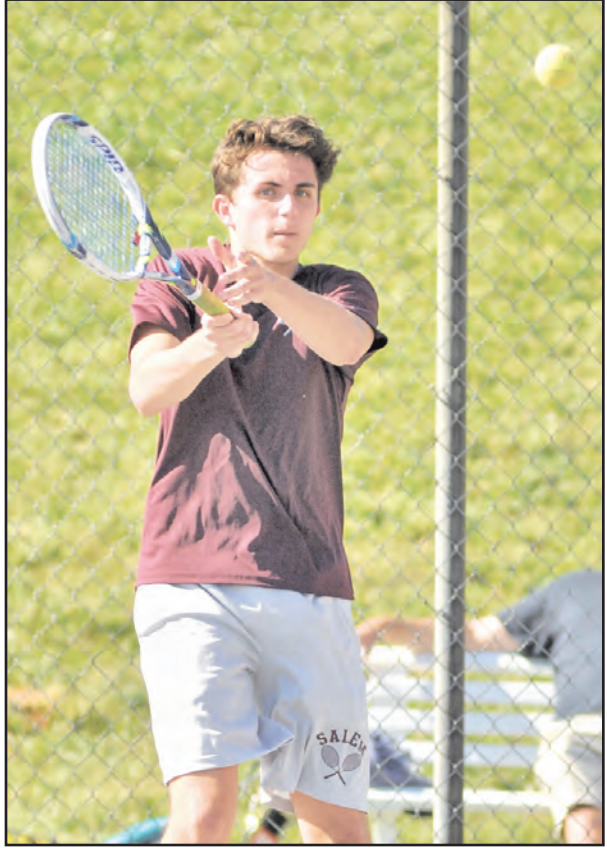
## Glenvar soccer teams host Alleghany Friday

The Glenvar soccer teams will be home on Friday for a girls-boys doubleheader against Alleghany. The girls will open at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow.

The Highlanders have not played since Monday, May 24. They had a home double-

header scheduled with Radford last Friday but that was rained out and moved to next Tuesday, June 8.

The Radford games will wrap up the regular season with the Region 2C tournament scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 15.



**Will Clemens hits a return for the SHS boys' tennis team. Will is playing region doubles this week.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Region 4D tennis in Lynchburg

E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg is the host site for Region 4D singles and doubles tennis matches this week. Action began Tuesday and Salem boys and girls were involved.

Zoe Prosser was scheduled to compete in singles for the Spartans. Zoe was also on the Salem region doubles team along with partner Rebekah Rothkoph.

Joe Mason was the singles competitor for the Salem boys. He was teamed up with Will Clemens for the doubles tournament.

Only the singles and doubles winners advance to state competition.

We finished the regular season at 5-5. We lost to Blacksburg this past Monday 0-5 in the first round regional team tournament. We have the #1 singles and #1 doubles tournament next Tuesday.

## Regional marks end for GHS tennis

The Glenvar tennis season came to an end as both the girls' and boys' singles and doubles teams competed in the Region 2C tournaments at Virginia Tech last week.

Isabella Gustafson represented Glenvar in the singles tournament and advanced all the way to the finals before losing to Harper Minarik of Radford, 7-5, 6-2. Isabella defeated Anna Cheape of Nelson County in the first round, 6-1, 6-3, and Madi Ramey of Floyd in the semifinals, 6-4, 6-1.

"Isabella played a great match overall and I was very impressed with how far she got in her first season of tennis," said Glenvar coach Blaine Mills.

In doubles Gustafson teamed with Avery Flynn and beat Appomattox in the opener, 6-3, 6-2.

For doubles, Glenvar's Isabella Gustafson and Avery Flynn played their first match together of the season and did a great job! They played against Appomattox and Glenvar won 6-3, 6-2, then beat Giles in three sets in the semifinals, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. That put them up against Radford in the finals and the talented Bobcat team won 6-1, 6-1.

"The girls took most points to deuce and did their best," said Mills. "The final score doesn't give credit of how well they played. It was a learning experience for both since it was their first year playing varsity tennis and we're looking forward to next year."

Blake Bowers represented the Glenvar boys and dropped a three set match to Landon Ferguson of George Wythe in the opener, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

In doubles Bowers played with Cooper Campbell and GHS duo won their first match against Patrick County foes, dropping the first set 6-3 but rallying to win the next two, 6-3 and 6-4. That put them up against Radford in the semifinal round and they were defeated 6-2, 6-1.

"This marks the end of our season, but I'm looking

forward to next year with five varsity starters and three major contributors back," said coach Bob Haynie.



**Isabella Gustafson made it to the Region 2C singles championship match.** PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

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The Salem Red Sox returned to 100 percent capacity, or a total of 6,300 seats, at Salem Memorial Ballpark last weekend. The change from 30 percent capacity began last Friday and will continue through the season as long as current pandemic conditions improve or stay the same.

Salem is on the road this week, but the Sox will return to Salem beginning Tuesday, June 8, for a six game series with Fredericksburg. Salem lost five of six at home to Myrtle Beach last week but the weekend crowds didn't seem to mind as baseball was back to normal for the first time since the summer of 2019.

"We have had great success welcoming our fans back safely to Haley

Toyota Field," said General Manager Allen Lawrence. "Our outdoor environment, with safety measures that are in place and guidance from local and state officials make it feel that now is the right time to re-open our stadium to full-capacity. We will continue to follow the necessary precautions to give fans a safe and clean experience."

Salem Memorial Ballpark followed MLB fan safety protocols and state guidelines, which included social distancing, a 12ft dugout buffer, face coverings, sanitation stations and enhanced cleaning protocols. While capacity has been expanded, fan safety remains a top priority at Haley Toyota Field. The Sox will continue following enhanced cleaning protocols and sanitation stations will remain in place. Masks, in accordance with CDC

recommendations and local laws, will no longer be required for fans who are fully vaccinated. To meet the needs of fans who want to remain physically distanced at the ballpark, sections 310 and 311 will remain socially distanced with "pod seats". These seats will be available for purchase online as well as at the box office prior to games.

Season Ticket Holders will return to their original seat locations beginning June 8th when the Sox return for their third homestand against the Fredericksburg Nationals. All previously printed 2021 tickets will be reprinted or redistributed digitally by June 3rd. Reprinted tickets can be picked up beginning Thursday June 3rd at the Salem Red Sox Front Office (9-5p) or at the stadium during a ticket pickup event, Saturday June 5th from 10am-3pm.

Single game tickets for remaining home games will go on sale during the first week of June and will be available at SalemSox.com or by calling (540) 389-3333.

"Our team and front office staff continue to be very thankful for the support and understanding



**Red Sox shortstop Matthew Lugo fires to first for an out against the Pelicans.** PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

from fans as we have navigated unique challenges together over the past year," continued Lawrence. "As we transition back to full capacity we ask that guests continue to be patient as we adjust to increased crowds, a national staffing shortage and continued safety standards."

The Sox will be at Lynchburg this week for games Tuesday through Sunday. Coming into the week the Red Sox were dead even at 12-12 in the North Division of the Low A East standings. That puts them five and a half games behind the first place Delmarva Shorebirds.

Lynchburg comes into the week in second place at 14-9 and next week's Sox opponent, Fredericksburg, is 5-19.



**Sox fans enjoy a mask free, at least for those vaccinated, environment at Sunday's doubleheader against Myrtle Beach.** PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Spartan bats heating up

The Salem High baseball team is jockeying for position in the Region 4D tournament with three games to go in the regular season. Salem is 6-3 after

beating Blacksburg and Hidden Valley, both on the road.

"I'm pretty sure we have to win out to get a first round home game," said Salem coach Wes McMillan. "We want to be in the top four, and Amherst, Jefferson Forest and Halifax all have one loss each. They're going to have to play each other, but I think the best we can do is fourth and that would get us a home game."

Salem's remaining games include home with Christiansburg Friday, home with Patrick Henry next Tuesday and at Pulaski a week from tonight. The Pulaski game will be key, as the Cougars are in Salem's region and battling for the fourth seed as well. Salem lost to the Cougars in extra innings when they played in Salem.

The Salem bats have come alive of late, scoring 26 runs in the past two games. They won at



**Salem's Evyn Hughes steals second in Tuesday's win at Hidden Valley.** PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Blacksburg last week, 11-3, pounding out a dozen hits. Evyn Hughes was three-for-three with three runs scored and two stolen bases. Chase Greer also scored three times and stole two bags while Hunter Bayne and Eli Bowery drove in two each. Bowery pitched the first three innings and got the win before Ethan Walker finished up.

On Tuesday at Hidden Valley the Spartans scored eight times in the sixth inning to beat the Titans, 15-2. Bowery had two hits and four runs batted, including a bases clearing double with the sacks loaded in the sixth. Kodi DeBoer, Ben Bowers and Hughes had two hits each and Evyn stole two more bases. He now has 13

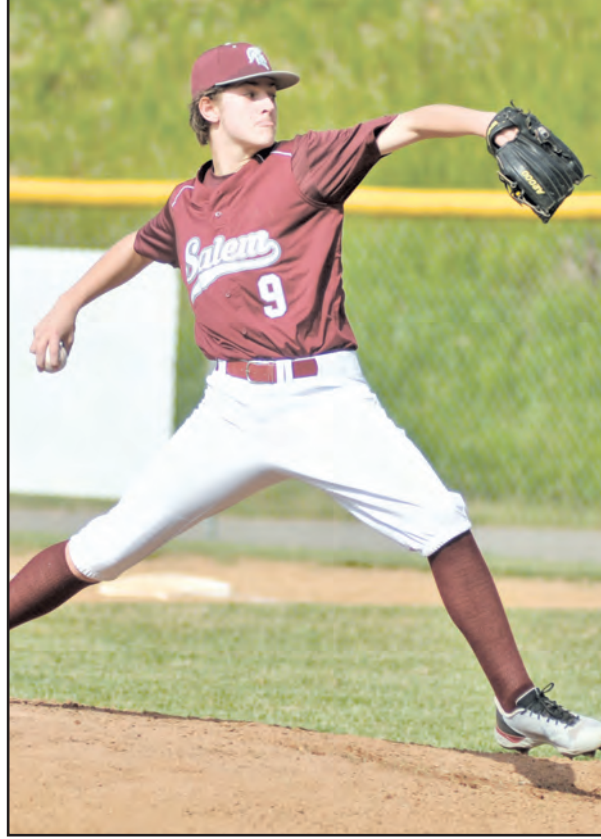
steals without being thrown out.

Trent Judd got his first start of the season on the mound and picked up the win, fanning nine over five solid innings. DeBoer pitched a scoreless sixth with the 13 run lead and Salem won by slaughter rule after six innings.

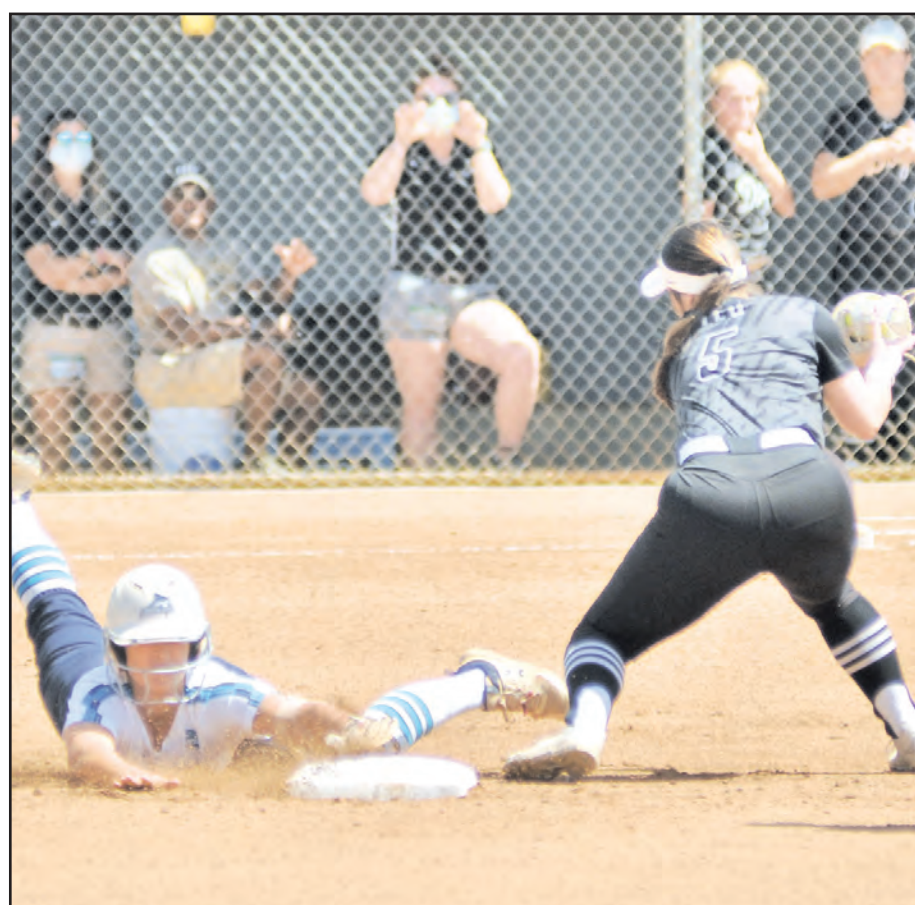
"They couldn't catch up to his fastball, and he still isn't throwing as hard as he can," said McMillan of Judd, who returned from an injury early in the season.

Bowery or Walker will start Friday against Christiansburg but both should see time on the mound.

"This is a big game for us," said McMillan. "We need a win Friday."



**Trent Judd pitches for Salem against Hidden Valley.** PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



## Marlins are D-III champs

The NCAA Division III softball trophy came to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference as Virginia Wesleyan won the title this week at the James I. Moyer Complex. The Marlins beat top seeded DePauw, 3-0, on Sunday to earn a spot in the best-of-three championship against Texas Lutheran. They beat TLU, 4-2, on Monday, but the Dogs evened the series with a 3-2 win over the Marlins on Tuesday morning. VWU then won the deciding game in style, 9-1, to claim the championship. Left, Julia Sinnett of VWU slides into second with a double against Texas Lutheran, and right Marlins' ace pitcher Hannah Hull unwinds in the finals.

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